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FOR SAL CEJA, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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SUBJ: TARAPUR RERACKING STUDY

REF: CEJA/COURTNEY TELECON OF AUGUST 7.

1. I EXPLAINED TO J.C. SHAH THIS MORNING THE PROBLEMS THE DOE IS ENCOUNTERING IN TRYING TO INCLUDE THE CHOPPER-CRUSHER AND RELATED TECHNICAL SERVICES UNDER THE RERACKING STUDY AGREEMENT. I AGAIN ASKED SHAH WHETHER THERE WAS ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THE INDIAN ATOMIC POWER AUTHORITY COULD PURCHASE THE CHOPPER-CRUSHER OUTRIGHT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. I ALSO EXPLORED WITH HIM THE POSSIBILITY OF A LEASE PRIOR TO PURCHASE. SHAH REITERATED THAT GOI PORCUREMENT REGULATIONS ARE SO DIFFICULT THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR IT TO EITHER LEASE OR PURCHASE THE CHOPPER-CRUSHER WITHOUT ENTAILING A TWO/THREE MONTHS DELAY IN THE RERACKING PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT COMPETITIVE BIDS WOULD BE ESSENTIAL.

2. I THEN TOLD HIM THAT WHILE THE DOE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK A SAY TO PROVIDE THIS EQUIPMENT UNDER THE RERACKING STUDY THAT SOME FURTHER MODIFICATION IN THE
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STUDY AGREEMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY. I EXPLAINED THAT A THIRD PHASE WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDED TO THE SCOPE OF THE STUDY AND THAT SOME MINOR LANGUAGE CHANGES WOULD PROBABLY BE NEEDED IN CLAUSE 9 TO PROVIDE INDEMNITY FOR THE OPERATION AS WELL AS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE EQUIPMENT. I NOTED THAT THE LATTER CHANGE SEEMED TO BE LITTLE MORE THAN A PRO FORMA. SHAH SAID THAT IF A

CHANGE IS TO BE MADE IN THE SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT THEN IT WOULD BE BETTER TO INCLUDE THE THIRD PHASE AS AN ADD-ON TO PHASE ONE RATHER THAN LABELLING IT AS A SEPARATE PHASE. HE THOUGHT THAT LOGICALLY THE PROVISION OF THIS EQUIPMENT WOULD COME BETWEEN THE PRESENT PHASES ONE AND TWO OF THE AGREEMENT.

3. SHAH SAID THAT ANY FURTHER CHANGE IN CLAUSE 9 WOULD BE TROUBLESOME SIMPLY BECAUSE HE HAS HAD TO CLEAR TWO DIFFERENT CHANGES TO THAT CLAUSE IN THE PAST THREE WEEKS. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE MODEST CHANGE SUGGESTED BY THE DOE IS REALLY NECESSARY PARTICULARLY IF THE THIRD PHASE IS ADDED. HE POINTED OUT THAT OBVIOUSLY EQUIPMENT IS NOT PROVIDED IN VACUO. THE OTHER PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT MAKE CLEAR THAT THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE OPERATED AND IT SEEMS SIMPLY LEGALISTIC TO SPECIFY IN CLAUSE 9 THAT THE INDEMNITY IMPLIES TO OPERATION OF THE EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS TO ITS PROVISION BECAUSE THE EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT BE SENT OVER HERE UNLESS IT WAS TO BE USED IN ACHIEVING THE PURPOSES OF THE STUDY AGREEMENT. HE HOPED THAT THE DOE COULD FOREGO ASKING FOR ANY FURTHER CHANGES IN CLAUSE 9.

4. AT THE END OF THIS CONVERSATION ON THE CHOPPER-CRUSHER HE REITERATED THAT HE HOPED THAT WE COULD AVOID LABELLING THE EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF THE AGREEMENT AS A SEPARATE THIRD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PHASE. HE CONCLUDED BY AGREEING TO CONSIDER SYMPATHETICALLY ANY LANGUAGE CHANGES SUGGESTED BY DOE AND URGED THAT THEY BE SENT BEFORE COB WEDNESDAY BOMBAY TIME AS HE WILL BE OUT OF TOWN ON THURSDAY.

5. I ALSO REASSURED SHAH THAT I HAD TAKEN UP WITH CEJA THE MATTER OF GETTING AN EXPEDITIOUS REPLY TO HIS TELEX TO DR. SUN OF GE REGARDING THE URGENT NEED FOR THE FINAL DESIGNS OF THE INTERIM RACKS WHICH HE HAD EXPECTED TO RECEIVE BY AUGUST 1. ANOTHER OF HIS TELDXES TO GRIMM AND SUN-- COPY SENT TO BASTIN OF DOE--INDICATES HE NEEDS TO TENDER FOR THE RACKS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. THE NON-RECEIPT OF THE DESIGNS IS RISKING FURTHER DELAY IN THIS PROJECT WHICH, AS WE ALL KNOW, HAS HAD ITS SCHEDULE STRETCHED TO THE VERY LIMIT. COURTNEY

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